



# **DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

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## **PLACEMENTS DOWN 4%**

For the week ending Jan 17, 2004, growers placed 11.1 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 4.0% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.1 million) decreased 4.0% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.8 million, a decrease of 4.1% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.8 million for the week ending Jan 10, 2004 compared to 11.7 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

## **BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA**

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ PREV YR	EGGS SET 1/ CURR YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ CURR YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
11/22/03	13,713	13,508	11,534	11,445	11,535	11,445
11/29/03	14,579	13,859	11,842	11,653	11,842	11,752
12/06/03	14,436	13,695	11,299	10,958	11,299	11,048
12/13/03	14,403	13,762	11,369	11,250	11,369	11,250
12/20/03	14,322	13,719	12,011	11,507	12,011	11,507
12/27/03	14,316	13,621	11,830	11,278	11,830	11,278
01/03/04	14,357	13,595	11,810	11,385	11,810	11,385
* 01/10/04	14,432	<b>13,637</b>	11,692	<b>11,322</b>	11,694	<b>11,322</b>
01/17/04	14,339	13,753	11,592	11,134	11,593	11,134

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

\* Revised.

## **NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/**

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	01/24/04			
New York Weighted Avg	72.26	67.58	61.36	59.71
12-City Composite 2/	69.79	67.70	65.77	61.89

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.